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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

North Dakota Spring wheat producers intend to plant 6.70 million acres, up 4 percent from 2009. Area planted to Durum wheat is expected to total 1.50 million acres, down 9 percent from last year. The 2010 winter wheat plantings totaled 340,000 acres, down 41 percent from a year earlier.

Corn growers intend to plant 2.10 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Soybean growers intend to plant 4.00 million acres, up 3 percent from last year. Canola planting intentions are 1.06 million acres, up 45 percent from 2009.

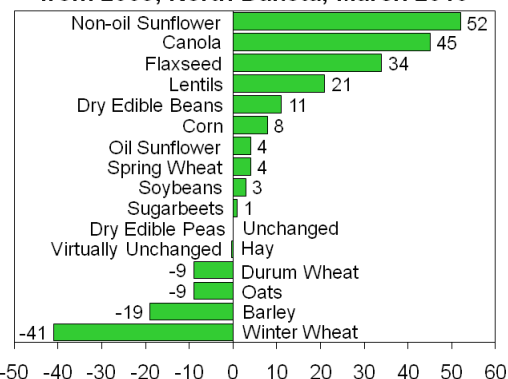
Dry edible bean acreage intentions are estimated at 680,000 acres, up 11 percent from 2009. Oil sunflower planting intentions are 800,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Non-oil sunflower is expected to total 175,000 acres, up 52 percent from last year. Sugarbeet growers expect to plant an estimated 227,000 acres, up 1 percent from last year.

United States Spring wheat growers intend to plant 13.9 million acres this year, up 5 percent from 2009. Durum wheat area seeded is estimated at 2.22 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 37.7 million acres, down 13 percent from 2009 but up 2 percent from the *Winter Wheat Seedings* report.

Corn growers intend to plant 88.8 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2010, up 3 percent from both last year and 2008. Soybean producers intend to plant 78.1 million acres in 2010, up less than 1 percent from last year. Canola producers intend to plant 1.23 million acres in 2010, up 49 percent from 2009.

Dry edible bean growers intend to plant 1.77 million acres in 2010, up 15 percent from last year. Sunflower growers intend to plant a total of 2.18 million acres in 2010, up 7 percent from last year but down 13 percent from 2008. Area intended for oil type varieties, at 1.71 million acres, is up less than 1 percent from 2009. The area intended for non-oil varieties, estimated at 467,000 acres, is up 41 percent from last year. Sugarbeet area planted for the 2010 crop year is expected to total 1.17 million acres, down 1 percent from the previous year.

Prospective Plantings: Percent Change from 2009, North Dakota, March 2010



Prospective Plantings: Area Planted North Dakota and United States, 2008-2010

Crop	North Dakota				United States			
	2008	2009	Indicated 2010	2010 as % of 2009	2008	2009	Indicated 2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Percent
Barley	1,650	1,210	980	81	4,246	3,567	3,273	92
Corn, All	2,550	1,950	2,100	108	85,982	86,482	88,798	103
Hay, All ¹	3,220	2,960	2,950	100	60,152	59,755	60,460	101
Oats	320	350	320	91	3,247	3,404	3,364	99
Wheat, All	9,230	8,680	8,540	98	63,193	59,133	53,827	91
Winter	630	580	340	59	46,307	43,311	37,698	87
Durum	1,800	1,650	1,500	91	2,721	2,554	2,223	87
Spring	6,800	6,450	6,700	104	14,165	13,268	13,906	105
Canola	910	730	1,060	145	1,011.0	827.0	1,228.1	149
Flaxseed	335	295	395	134	354	317	420	132
Soybeans	3,800	3,900	4,000	103	75,718	77,451	78,098	101
Sunflower, All	1,115	885	975	110	2,516.5	2,030.0	2,181.0	107
Oil	960	770	800	104	2,163.0	1,698.0	1,714.0	101
Non-Oil	155	115	175	152	353.5	332.0	467.0	141
Sugarbeets	208	225	227	101	1,090.7	1,183.2	1,174.2	99
Dry Edible Beans, All	660.0	610.0	680.0	111	1,495.0	1,537.5	1,766.6	115
Chickpeas, All (Garbanzo)	9.3	13.2	17.0	129	83.5	96.0	130.6	136
Small	4.0	9.0	7.0	78	11.7	22.5	31.6	140
Large	5.3	4.2	10.0	238	71.8	73.5	99.0	135
Dry Edible Peas	520	490	490	100	882.5	863.3	837.0	97
Lentils	95	165	200	121	271	415	510	123

¹ Acreage for harvest.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in March is 148 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is down 9 percent from last year and 35 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 154 percent of the base, is down 13 percent from March 2009 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 124 percent, is up 9 percent from last year.

United States

The March All Farm Products Index is 141 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 4 percent from the February index and 12 percent above the March 2009 index. The All Crops Index is 155, up 5 percent from February and March 2009. The Livestock and Products Index, at 128, is 4 percent above last month and up 17 percent from March 2009.

Index Numbers of Farm Prices North Dakota and United States, March 2010

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010	Mar 2009	Feb 2010	Mar 2010
Prices Received	(1990-92 = 100)					
All Farm Products	163	148	148	126	135	141
Crops	178	156	154	147	147	155
Food Grains	207	151	157	201	172	171
Feed Grains & Hay	191	153	150	169	153	151
Oil Bearing Crops ¹	164	172	163	164	168	163
Potatoes & Dry Beans ²	139	140	136	161	131	133
Livestock and Products	114	122	124	109	123	128
Meat Animals	108	119	120	105	114	119
Dairy Products	161	159	161	90	122	116
Other Livestock Products ³	136	134	134	137	145	159
Prices Paid	NA	NA	NA	180	184	184
Ratio ⁴	NA	NA	NA	70	73	77

NA=Not applicable. ¹ Includes non-oil sunflower. ² North Dakota includes lentils, dry peas and sugarbeets. ³ United States excludes wool. ⁴ Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

Prices Received by Farmers North Dakota and United States, March 2010

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price March 2010
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	
		Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Wheat, All	Bu	6.47	4.73	4.91	5.71	4.73	4.63	14.60
Durum	Bu	7.21	4.37	4.80	7.40	4.61	5.03	NA
Spring	Bu	6.45	4.84	5.00	6.50	5.05	5.13	NA
Winter	Bu	5.02	3.88	3.65	5.27	4.52	4.20	NA
Corn	Bu	3.47	3.17	3.30	3.85	3.55	3.49	9.11
Oats	Bu	1.84	2.07	¹	2.77	2.28	2.12	5.97
Barley, All	Bu	5.38	3.96	3.36	5.03	4.51	3.82	10.20
Feed	Bu	2.96	2.76	2.10	2.73	3.10	2.40	NA
Malting	Bu	5.55	4.05	3.50	5.50	4.68	4.00	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	21.80	17.40	16.50	22.10	16.80	16.00	45.30
Oil	Cwt	19.10	16.00	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	32.80	21.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All ²	Ton	93.00	65.00	63.00	129.00	107.00	108.00	NA
Alfalfa ²	Ton	100.00	68.00	68.00	138.00	111.00	111.00	NA
Other ²	Ton	70.00	48.00	48.00	110.00	97.10	98.60	NA
Canola	Cwt	15.00	¹	¹	15.20	¹	¹	39.90
Flaxseed	Bu	8.91	8.50	8.55	8.84	8.50	8.55	23.80
Soybeans	Bu	8.38	9.23	8.80	9.12	9.41	9.16	22.40
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	26.60	25.90	25.00	32.50	30.30	30.80	70.50
Navy	Cwt	21.50	29.30	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	27.10	25.90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	8.05	9.25	9.05	9.27	7.34	7.46	20.40
Fresh ³	Cwt	12.40	8.30	NA	11.89	5.76	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	6.40	9.50	NA	7.02	8.44	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	83.50	92.00	93.40	79.10	85.50	88.80	250.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	90.50	97.50	98.00	84.00	90.50	93.90	NA
Cows	Cwt	46.50	52.00	52.00	44.40	51.60	52.40	NA
Calves	Cwt	102.00	114.00	114.00	106.00	112.00	113.00	353.00
Sheep	Cwt	26.00	39.00	NA	32.10	55.00	NA	106.00
Lambs	Cwt	104.00	107.00	NA	100.00	106.00	NA	282.00
Hogs	Cwt	44.50	50.20	NA	43.90	48.80	52.80	136.00

NA=Not applicable. ¹ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms. ² Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only. ³ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

GRAIN STOCKS

North Dakota

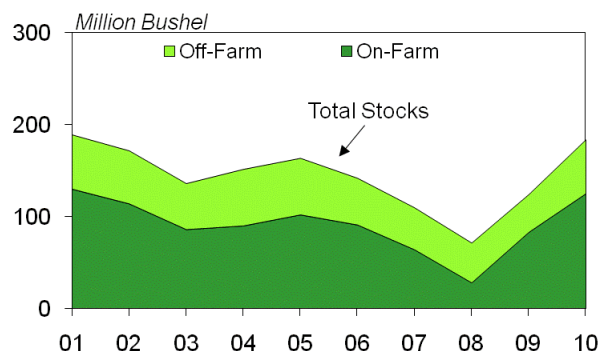
All wheat stored in all positions in North Dakota on March 1, 2010 totaled 184 million bushels. This is up 48 percent from last year. All wheat stocks include Durum, spring and winter wheat. Durum wheat stocks in all positions totaled 31.1 million bushels, up 62 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 24.5 million bushels, are up from last year's 14.5 million bushels.

Barley stocks in all positions totaled 56.3 million bushels, up 40 percent from a year ago. On farm stocks are 34.5 million bushels, up 68 percent from March 1, 2009. Corn stocks in all positions totaled 134 million bushels, down 6 percent from a year ago. Of the total stocks, 100 million bushels are stored on farms, up from 93.0 million bushels last year. Soybeans stored in all positions totaled 30.2 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks totaled 14.0 million bushels on March 1, 2010, down from 22.5 million bushels last year.

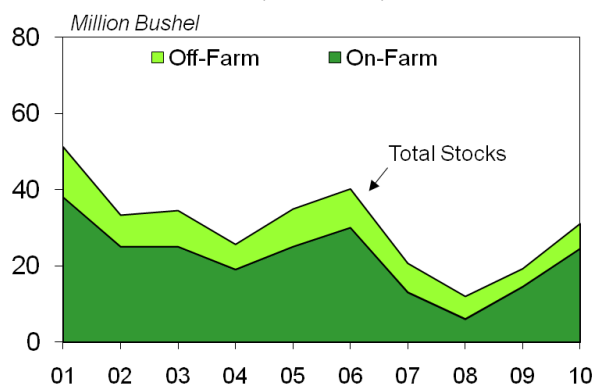
United States

All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 1.35 billion bushels, up 30 percent from a year ago. Durum wheat stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 55.6 million bushels, up 72 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 157 million bushels, up 22 percent from March 1, 2009. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 7.69 billion bushels, up 11 percent from March 1, 2009. Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2010 totaled 1.27 billion bushels, down 2 percent from March 1, 2009.

**All Wheat Stocks
North Dakota, March 1, 2001-2010**



**Durum Wheat Stocks
North Dakota, March 1, 2001-2010**



**Stocks: By Position, Current and Previous Quarter
North Dakota and United States, 2009-2010**

Crop	Date	North Dakota			United States		
		On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm ¹	Total All Positions
		1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Wheat, All ²	Mar 1, 2009	83,000	41,100	124,100	280,400	759,664	1,040,064
	Dec 1, 2009	204,000	65,232	269,232	558,800	1,222,891	1,781,691
	Mar 1, 2010	125,000	58,662	183,662	348,200	1,004,133	1,352,333
Durum Wheat	Mar 1, 2009	14,500	4,700	19,200	18,700	13,571	32,271
	Dec 1, 2009	35,500	6,581	42,081	50,600	25,181	75,781
	Mar 1, 2010	24,500	6,560	31,060	34,300	21,347	55,647
Barley	Mar 1, 2009	20,500	19,700	40,200	44,310	84,791	129,101
	Dec 1, 2009	60,000	21,014	81,014	114,630	91,759	206,389
	Mar 1, 2010	34,500	21,802	56,302	67,370	90,029	157,399
Oats	Mar 1, 2009	3,300	1,260	4,560	30,200	65,250	95,450
	Dec 1, 2009	7,400	910	8,310	43,000	67,629	110,629
	Mar 1, 2010	4,500	896	5,396	30,900	67,126	98,026
Corn	Mar 1, 2009	93,000	50,000	143,000	4,085,000	2,869,145	6,954,145
	Dec 1, 2009	150,000	32,462	182,462	7,425,000	3,497,460	10,922,460
	Mar 1, 2010	100,000	34,121	134,121	4,548,000	3,145,940	7,693,940
Soybeans	Mar 1, 2009	22,500	13,700	36,200	656,500	645,289	1,301,789
	Dec 1, 2009	36,000	31,947	67,947	1,229,500	1,109,050	2,338,550
	Mar 1, 2010	14,000	16,225	30,225	609,200	660,806	1,270,006
All Sunflower		1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds
	Mar 1, 2009	324,000	300,600	624,600	545,480	596,271	1,141,751
	Mar 1, 2010	381,500	365,574	747,074	604,100	602,299	1,206,399
Oil Sunflower	Mar 1, 2009	275,000	253,700	528,700	438,835	482,573	921,408
	Mar 1, 2010	345,000	296,223	641,223	533,450	458,532	991,982
Non-oil Sunflower	Mar 1, 2009	49,000	46,900	95,900	106,645	113,698	220,343
	Mar 1, 2010	36,500	69,351	105,851	70,650	143,767	214,417

¹ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ² Includes durum, other spring and winter.

ND COUNTY RENTS & VALUES VS FEDERAL COUNTY CASH RENTS

North Dakota

The North Dakota Field Office has produced an annual County Rents and Values publication since 1989. For many years, this survey provided the only county level estimates for cash rents and values. However, the 2007 Farm Bill mandated that all states collect and publish county estimates related to cash rents. Therefore, in May of 2009, NASS for the first time published results, by state, for a county-level cash rent survey.



While the two publications are similar, there are the two major differences. The North Dakota County Rents and Values survey asks respondents for their estimates of the average cash rents and values of agricultural land in their locality, regardless of whether they are in a rental agreement or not at the time of data collection. The data published are for non-irrigated land only and includes cropland, pastureland, alfalfa hayland, other tame hayland, and wild or prairie grass hayland. The Federal County-Level Cash Rent survey asks respondents to report agricultural rental rates based on current agreements they are involved in at the time of data collection. The data published are for irrigated and non-irrigated cropland and all pastureland. Therefore, the only overlap of estimates between the two surveys deals with non-irrigated cropland.

The latest for both reports can be found online at http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/North_Dakota/index.asp under North Dakota Publications. Also, the 2009 county-level cash rental rates data are available online at www.nass.usda.gov through Quick Stats, NASS's agricultural statistics database. Users can access cash rental rates at the state, county or crop reporting district level.

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